

Facilitator John Sexton, Time Keeper: Twiggy Billue

Attendees: Julius Lawrence, Angela Wright, Regina McArthur, Camille Coakley, Michael Greene, Al Freeman, Camille Bellamy, Robert Bucklin, Brenda Muhammad, Keith Muhammad, Charles Pierce-El, Dana Balter, Betty L. Pearson, Dana McKinney, Lou Carol Franklin, Sue Wood, Chol Majok, Tae Cerutti, Kathrine Harvey-Barr, Raquan Robinson, Laura Levine, Daniel Kolinski, Jamie McKinney, Phyllis Moore, Palmer Harvey, Jaime Howley, Laim Kirst, Jake Thorsen, Caroline West, Chris Fasuyi, Mary Cunnginham, Captain Delfavero, Geneva Hayden, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Sharif Wright, Tracey Corridors-Howard, Logan Reidsma.

John sexton opened the meeting at 6:04 pm Introductions began promptly. Reviewed ground rules

Review of the April 3rd 2017 Minutes: Two corrections to the minutes: Voter Task Force theme is 'Your Voice Your Vote'. Charles Pierce-El was in attendance at the last meeting. Jaime Howley motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Tracey Corridors-Howard 2nd, all were in favor

Issues for City Department Officials

- 1) John Sexton noticed how clean State St. is.
- 2) There is an increase in shots fired on Colvin, S. Ave and Rockland.
- 3) Brighton & Midland still have OCCRA bags on the side of the street.
- 4) On the corner of Tallman and Oneida, the empty lot now has 3-4 rusty dumpsters with broken up concrete and construction debris
- 5) There was a stabbing near the rescue mission on the 24th or 25th, is this revenge/retaliation? Captain Delfavero stated that she would look into this incident and report back to the group.
- 6) On Hudson St. there was a domestic violence homicide, what is increasing this type of activity?
- 7) Last year the 200 block of Kennedy St was redone, are there plans for the 300 block?
- 8) Across the street from a resident, on Eloise Terrace, there is suspicion that a single family house is a boarding house. There has been increased traffic coming in and out, people parking on the lawn and both sides of the street. There is debris: tires and wood doors accumulating around the property.
- 9) The group was reminded to visit Syrgov.net and submit a service request/complaint to the City Line webservice or call 448-CITY. Calls to codes can be anonymous.

Task Force Updates: All task forces are in need of volunteers

Communications/Special Events Task Force: Dana McKinney

- 1) First annual 'Soul of Syracuse, Taste of the Southside Cultural & Arts Festival' scheduled for August 5th from 12 to 7pm located on the 1600 Block of S. Salina st. The event has an initial \$3,500 grant from The Leadership Classroom and is seeking additional sponsors. Volunteers are needed to assist in setup/cleanup, etc.
- 2) A holiday event is being planned for Juneteenth; the task force is working on providing battery operated candles for luminaires to the community. Regina McArthur stated that M&T Bank will pay for TNT to have a table/booth at this year's Juneteenth event.
- 3) The task force meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next meeting will be May 20th at 11am at the Community Café, 1555 S. Salina St.

Housing /Neighborhood Management Task Force: Jaime Howley

Ms. Howley presented the different t-shirt designs from the Pixel and Print workshop and discussed the cost per shirt based on color of shirt as well as color cost for the printing process. This T-shirt project received \$500 from TNT Special project funds as well as an additional \$500 from Syracuse Model Neighborhood and a \$500 donation from Beverly Carter.

Q. Are you wedded to the Holy T-shirt vendor to produce the shirts? There are other options, such as a mid grade shirt with 2 colors for under \$6 per shirt.

A. No, but the white shirts would be high quality with 3 colors at a cost of \$5 per shirt.

Comment: If you are open to online ordering, there are services where people can order directly online and choose the style and color of the shirt.

Q. Can we just start the t-shirts with the new logo and put the neighborhoods in the logo color blocks on only one side?

Ms. Howley asked the group to give permission on ordering t-shirts with a print on only the front side from Holyshirts. Cost of each would be \$15. All were in favor

Crime & Safety Task Force: Al Freeman

The Task Force is working towards coordinating with block captains to take one block at a time to form a communication line. The task force meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at Beauchamp Library.

Economic & Business development Task Force: Regina McArthur

- 1) Elder Law Fair, May 19th from 7:45am to 1:10pm at OCC, a shuttle will be provided. This event is for anyone over 50.
- 2) A resident stated that the Family Dollar store constantly has garbage outside. It was stated that Ben Walsh, Juanita Perez-Williams, Angela Wright and Twiggy Billue have reached out to the Dollar store in regards to this issue. Ms. Williams contacted the district manager and was told someone would attend the meeting this month or the next to address the concerns. Dan Kolinski informed the group that John Thrasher was supposed to attend the meeting and will provide the phone number to contact for follow up. Angela Wright stated that the TNT group needs an agenda to bring the Family Dollar in as a partner by providing suggestions. The group needs to set values for all businesses coming into the Southside, to establish community responsible businesses. The following individuals have agreed to meet and establish those values: Twiggy Billue, Angela Wright, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Dan Kolinski, Chol Majok, Mike Greene, Geneva Hayden, Tracy Corridors-Howard.

Beautification Task Force: Patrona Jones-Rowser

- 1) On April 22nd there was an Earth day cleanup for State/Salina/Midland. Ms. Rowser was unable to attend, Lori Covington & Angela Wright took the reins. A big sponsor for the cleanup was Syracuse Model Neighborhood.
- 2) Home Headquarters block blitz is set for September 14, 2017. There is a sponsor sheet to assist with the block blitz. There are a number of blocks that are on the list for the potential block blitz, it is being requested that you keep your block clean, rounds will be made to monitor and then a selection will be made.
- 3) On May 6, 7, 8 the Task Force will need help weeding and planting in the Rhama Garden.
- 4) City Neighborhood bulk quadrant pick up set out is for the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Voting Task Force: Co-chairs Angela Wright & Charles Pierce-El

All meetings will take place at SSIC (2610 S. Salina St.)

- 1) May 16th at 5:30pm – Voter's Task Force monthly meeting
- 2) May 31st at 6pm – Meet the Candidates Forum: Common Council, City Court Judges & School Board
- 3) June 1st at 7pm – Meet the Mayoral Candidates Forum
- 4) June 15th at 6pm – City/county Merger Information

John Sexton asked the group if we could add 10 more minutes to the meeting, Julius Lawrence made the motion, Chol Majok 2nd, all were in favor

Angela Wright led a break out activity to determine the topics for discussion at the Candidates Forums. Through the activity, the final 3 platforms for discussion were established as: Jobs (welfare/poverty), Crime & Safety, and Education. Al Freeman motioned to accept the 3 topics, Jaime Howley 2nd. All were in favor. Charles Pierce-El stated that money went into the Southside, but to Downtown rather than homeowners. There is a need for more block captains to prioritize issues and communicate with homeowners and renters 'What will the future look like for our children'. That is why it is important to know your candidates. There are 13,000 democrats on the Southside, less than 3,500 vote.

Youth & Education: Camille Coakley

Light a Candle for Literacy is in need of enrichment volunteers for the summer which runs from July 10 – August 18th. Camille Coakley thanked Angela Wright with Syracuse Model Neighborhood for matching the \$5,000 Special Project funds.

City-wide Board Update

The board is moving along in the process of getting a check directly from the city for the organizations funding after showing proof of insurances.

Q. Are we asking for more money this year?

A. We're asking for the same amount \$80,000, which will be going to council next Wednesday.

Angela Wright commented that we should be asking for \$25,000 for each sector.

The final strategic planning meeting will be on June 1st, 5pm – 5:30pm food will be served. The meeting will take place from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Announcements

- 1) Block captains: name/address/Phone #
- 2) Contact Camille Coakley to sign up for any task force
- 3) Bike for Brady (and walk too) on Sunday, June 4th. Register at bradyfaithcenter.org
- 4) Light a Candle for Literacy needs enrichment volunteers for the summer program
- 5) Landbank will have a 2nd pocket park meeting tomorrow at Beauchamp Library at 6pm in the community room. The design team will be back for discussion.